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Fulfilling the Law Matthew 5:17-20 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

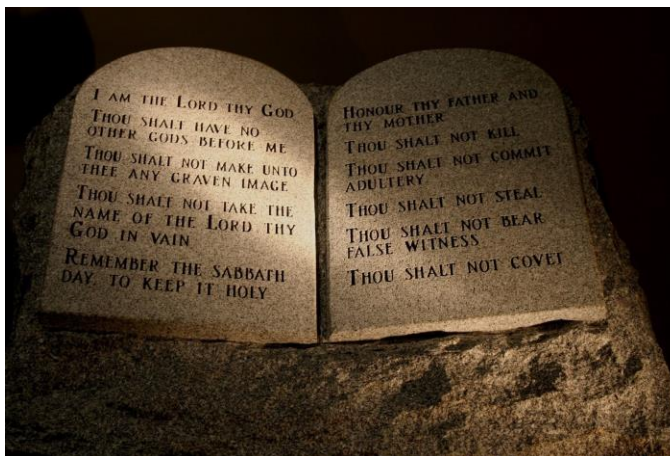
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

Do not think that I
have come to abolish
the Law or the
Prophets; I have not
come to abolish
them but to fulfill
them.

Matt 5:17



Jesus has come to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. That is what we will see this week as we continue our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Our passage is Matthew 5:17-20. In this passage Jesus continues to teach His disciples so that they better understand the scripture. There are parts of the Law that the Pharisees have accused Jesus of disregarding. However, Jesus says that the Law will not change until Heaven and earth pass way. Are there parts of the Law that we disregarded today? If the Law is still intact why don't we follow the Law as closely as the Pharisees? Join us this week in community group as we continue to our discussion about how the Law impacts our lives today.

Matthew 5:17-20 (NIV)

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these

commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How does Jesus fulfill the Law and Prophets?

9. Does the Law change when Jesus comes?

10. Verse 20 says that our righteousness must surpass that of the Pharisees in order to enter heaven. How can we do that? What about grace?

11. Does this passage suggest there are different levels in Heaven? In what way?

12. Verse 18 says until everything is accomplished. Has everything been accomplished? If not what is left to be accomplished?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. According to this verse should we still follow the law? Why or why not?

14. How does the law affect the way we live?

15. Are there parts of the law that we don't follow? Does this match up with the verse?

16. How is the law still a benefit to us?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES